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Mr. Brent Truskowski
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202

Subject: Arkwood, Inc. Site (Omaha, AR)

Dear Mr. Truskowski:

Mass Merchandisers, Inc. ("MMI") has decided not to proceed with an interim removal action at the Arkwood, Inc. Site. In the course of work on the Feasibility Study, it has become apparent that remediation of the sinkhole and railroad ditch can be performed in a more cost-effective and efficient manner as an integral part of total site remediation, regardless of the remedial alternative selected.

You will recall that MMI proposed the interim removal as a cost-effective means of expediting site remediation. Since that key assumption no longer appears valid, remediation of the sinkhole and railroad ditch should occur as part of overall site remediation.

We apologize if this change of plans has inconvenienced EPA and trust that you will let me, Jean Mescher or Bob Ritchie know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

MASS MERCHANDISERS, INC.

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